

REMARKS

Upon entry of the present amendment, claims 15-16 will remain pending in the above-identified application and stand allowed.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner clearly indicated that claims 15-16 are allowed. Accordingly, based upon the cancellation of non-allowed claims 1-2 and 6-12 herein, the Examiner is respectfully requested to issue a Notice of Allowance indicating that claims 15-16 are allowed and patentable under the provisions of Title 35 of the United States Code.

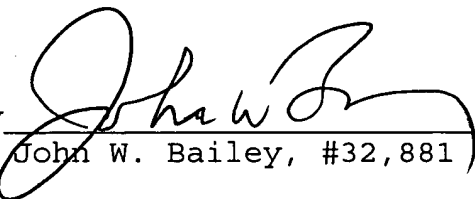
CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John W. Bailey (Reg. No. 32,881) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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